

Sinclair Broadcasting should not be allowed to force its stations to air one-sided political programs. At the very least it should air programs giving both sides of a political debate.

Media consolidation is a real danger and Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry program points this out.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It seems that large companies serve their own financial interests first and the public gets the "party line". We condemn countries where the media is in the hands of the government or of special interests. I am afraid that the United States is on that road.

Democracy needs free and open media able to give substantive discussions on important issues

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.